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Governor Jan Brewer Issues Executive Order Reaffirming Arizona as Right to Work State

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today signed an executive order to reaffirm the State of Arizona’s longstanding prohibition against mandatory union activity as a condition of employment.

“It was long ago decided by the citizens of Arizona to provide protection in the Arizona Constitution to ensure the freedom of workers to choose whether to join and participate in a union,” said Governor Brewer. “The establishment late last year of a broad meet and confer process for all of state government, without public discourse or legislative policy discussion, unnecessarily exposes the state to legal claims and conflicts with Arizona’s right to work laws.”

The order reaffirming Arizona’s right to work law, Executive Order 2009-04, addresses the overarching citizen’s demand for responsive and reliable government, and supersedes Executive Order 2008-30.

“The policy discussion over the best structure for communication between state agency directors and state employees is a worthy discussion that can be conducted in the full view of the elected representatives of the citizens of Arizona,” said Governor Brewer. “For now, the focus of this Administration is to address our current state budget crisis, one of the largest in the United States, with a balanced, 5-point plan that prevents irreparable harm to the diligent state employees that maintain our critical education, public safety, and public health services. My Cabinet and I will continue to work closely with our experienced and professional state employees to encourage their continued input on the best methods to run state government efficiently and effectively while coping with our challenging economic realities.”

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